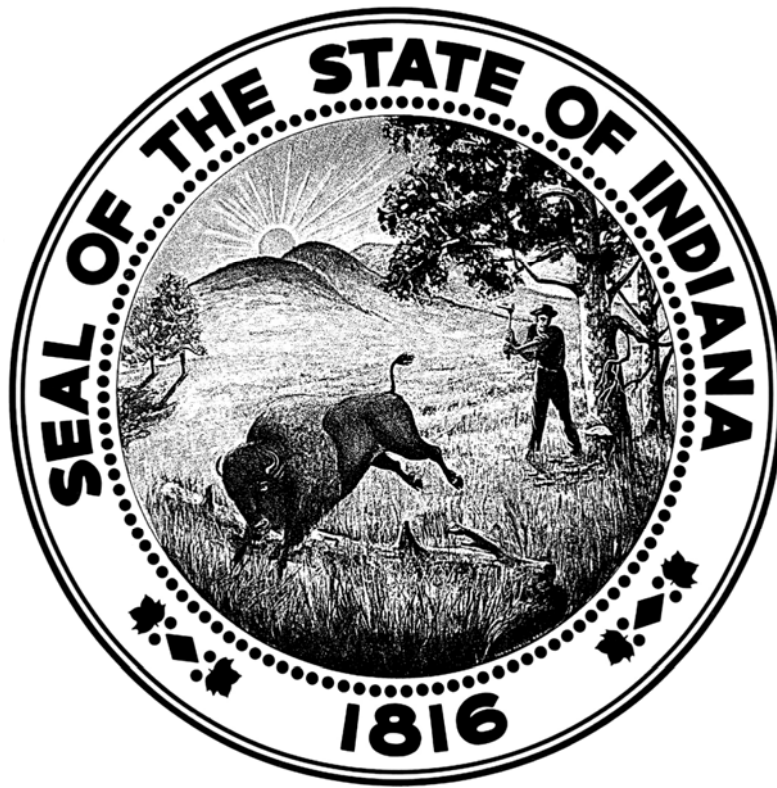

Indiana Secretary of State
Todd Rokita

Fellowship Program



Summer 2008

About Secretary Rokita



January 1, 2007 marked the beginning of Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita's second term in office – a term dedicated to clearing a path for continued economic growth in Indiana and building on first-term accomplishments.

Under Secretary Rokita's leadership, his first four years were years of firsts for Hoosiers. For the first time, new businesses looking for a home – a place to incorporate and grow – began looking to Indiana instead of Delaware or Nevada. As chair of the Business Law Survey Commission Secretary Rokita worked with leading private sector attorneys, professors, and corporate leaders to modernize and streamline Indiana's business laws to keep pace with the changing nature of commerce.

In addition to developing a more business-friendly legal infrastructure, the Business Services Division of the Secretary of State's office launched and continues to refine its online Business Services Portal – a rich resource designed to help entrepreneurs navigate legal requirements and government regulations associated with starting a business. These efforts represent only a small sample of initiatives that have earned Secretary Rokita's office recognition as an e-government pioneer.

In elections, for the first time, every Indiana polling place is equipped to allow voters with disabilities to privately and independently cast their ballots. All county voter lists are now linked and updated in real time to eliminate duplicate registrations – saving taxpayer dollars and improving the integrity of our election process for Hoosier voters. And in 2007, for the first time, Hoosiers have had the opportunity to test Vote Centers – a concept that leverages technology to update our election process, allowing us to vote the way we live, with confidence, and not bound by the traditional precinct structure.

In the area of Securities, Secretary Rokita created a specialized unit to target and bring to justice the worst-of-the-worst white-collar criminals. By working with law enforcement throughout the state, the Prosecution Assistance Unit has helped file charges in 26 high-profile investment fraud cases in Indiana, and has established a 19-1 conviction-to-dismissal ratio with more than 175 years of jail time sentenced. And for the first time, a statewide investor education program is teaching Hoosiers how to be smarter investors by avoiding pitfalls created by scam artists.

Hoosiers have been forthcoming in offering their gratitude to Secretary Rokita for his diligent work in moving the state on the path of progress; and Hoosiers aren't the only ones who have recognized his commitment to public service. Secretary Rokita has been slated by his fellow Secretaries of State to lead them as President of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS). He was elected by his peers nationally to serve on the nine-member Executive Board of the federal Election Assistance Commission's (EAC) Standards Board, and served as a member of the EAC's working group on voting fraud and voter intimidation. Secretary Rokita has testified before the United States Congress and spoken from coast to coast on Indiana's model election reforms. He



has also served as Chair of NASS' New Millennium Young Voters Summit of 2004, Chair of the standing NASS Voter Participation Committee and Vice Chair of the NASS Securities Regulation Committee.

A native of Munster, Indiana, Secretary Rokita holds a law degree from Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wabash College, where he earned distinction as an Eli Lilly Fellow. After law school, he worked as a practicing attorney for several years before serving as General Counsel to former Indiana Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy and later as Deputy Secretary of State.

Secretary Rokita is a member of the Director's Circle of the Indiana Council for Economic Education, the Indiana State Bar Association, the Knights of Columbus, and the National Rifle Association. He is a commercial-rated pilot, and is a member of the Indiana chapter of the International Flying Farmers, and he volunteers flight time to transport people in need of non-emergency medical care to Midwest hospitals and clinics for treatment.

Program Overview

The summer fellowship program includes three months of hands on experience at the Secretary of State's office. The respective hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Fellows are expected to wear appropriate professional dress attire. Duties assigned to the Fellows include special projects, and duties essential to the daily operations of servicing Hoosier taxpayers.

Organization of the Office

The Executive Office, located in the Indiana Statehouse, oversees the overall policy, management, and budgeting for the entire office. Three main divisions comprise the balance of the office: Elections, Business Services, and Securities.

Elections - The Elections Division assists the Secretary of State in carrying out the responsibilities assigned as Indiana's chief elections officer. The bipartisan division is comprised of an equal number of Democrats and Republicans. The division's administrative responsibilities include overseeing the candidate declaration process, certifying election results, and maintaining campaign finance reports. The Secretary of State also serves as chairperson for the Indiana Recount Commission and participates in voter outreach projects aimed at increasing voter participation. The Indiana Election Commission, as opposed to the Division, is an independently appointed Commission of two Republicans and two Democrats. The commission deals with questions associated with violations of the Indiana election laws, and with the imposition of penalties.



Business Services - The Business Services Division administers all business-related responsibilities for the Secretary of State including the chartering of new businesses, the filing of commercial liens, and the issuance of trademarks, notaries public and summonses.

Securities - The Securities Division oversees Indiana's securities industry. The division is charged with protecting Hoosier investors by bringing enforcement actions against companies and individuals selling securities in violation of Indiana's securities laws and by educating

Hoosiers about prudent investing. Over the past five years, the division has imposed a record amount in fines and penalties against scam artists preying upon unsuspecting Hoosier investors.



The Division is also home to Indiana Investment Watch, an investor education program aimed at educating Hoosiers on how to better protect their hard-earned savings from fraud.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

If you have questions concerning the fellowship program, please contact the Secretary of State's Office at (317) 234-2962. All candidates need to submit the following to be considered for the Fellowship program.

- _ Current Transcripts
- _ Required Essays
- _ 2 Letters of Recommendation
- _ Current Resume
- _ Completed Application



ELIGIBILITY

The Secretary of State Fellowship Program is open to any college student at a sophomore standing or higher. Candidates must have a maintained grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

SELECTION

The Office of the Indiana Secretary of State will review each application individually. Resumes should be submitted by March 1, 2008. Those who qualify will be contacted for an interview. Interviews will be held March 10th - 14th and March 17th -21st.

Mail to:

The Secretary of State's Fellowship Program
State House, Room 201
200 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2797
ATTN: Marisa Smith
Director of Operations



**Office of the Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita
Fellowship Program Official Application**

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Permanent Address (*if different from above*) _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Education

Institution: _____

Location: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

Major(s) _____ Minor(s) _____

Honors and Activities (Please attach a separate document, if necessary):

Work Experience

(A resume containing all requested information may be submitted for this portion of the application)

Name/Location:
Dates of Employment:
Position:
Responsibilities:

Name/Location:
Dates of Employment:
Position:
Responsibilities:

Name/Location:
Dates of Employment:
Position:
Responsibilities:

Hobbies and Special Interests

Letters of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation must be submitted with the application. List the names and positions of references below.

Reference:
Position:

Reference:
Position:

Essay

Please include a brief typewritten essay in response to the following questions:

- 1) What do you see as the greatest challenge facing the State of Indiana? What role can the government play in confronting the challenge?
- 2) What do you think has been the Secretary of State's greatest Accomplishment to date?